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GUIDANCE FOR BARBERING AND COSMETOLOGY

To: All Licensees of the Barbering and Cosmetology Licensing Program

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The purpose of this memo is to notify you of updates to the Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) checklists for [Close Personal Services: Hair and Spa/Close-Contact](#). This updated guidance removes the prohibition on removing client face coverings during certain services and replaces it with the guidance below. Please be sure to read and follow the entire checklist.

We hope that this change will be helpful to you and your clients. Thank you for all of your efforts to keep your clients and your community safe during these challenging times.

Face coverings

1. *Establishment employees must wear face coverings at all times.*
2. *Discourage, or remove from service offerings any services on the face that would require clients to remove their face covering. If such services are offered, advise clients that removal of face coverings increases the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and confirm with the client that they consent to such services.*
3. *All procedures requiring a customer to remove their mask must be performed by a single attendant wearing a mask/face covering that completely covers the nose and mouth, and a face shield that extends below the chin. Employees who for medical reasons or otherwise cannot wear a source control mask and face shield cannot perform these services.*
4. *Time-limited procedures of less than 15 minutes in length (e.g. beard trimming, limited facial waxing, piercing, etc.) can be performed provided removal of the customer's mask only occurs for the time necessary to complete the procedure on the parts of the face covered by the mask. For example, if upper lip waxing is to occur, the mask may be removed only for the portion of the service that involves the upper lip and must remain on for the other portions.*
5. *Extended-time procedures (e.g. services that take more than just a few minutes to perform such as facials, make-up services, facial tattooing, electrolysis, etc.) significantly increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission. They can be performed provided removal of the customer's mask only occurs during the active time of the service. Customers must wear facial coverings inside the spa until the service begins and must replace them immediately after the procedure is finished. These procedures must be performed in a completely separate room with doors closed, and are limited to one attendant and one customer per room. Appropriate cleaning, disinfection, and air exchange inside the space need to occur between customers. Schedule adequate time between customer appointments for cleaning, disinfection, and air exchange.*